

by the next mail I shall write to Gov. M; and my object in obtruding this communication upon you is to beg your kind assistance so far as you feel at liberty to give it.

Inasmuch as the Office is one not sought for by any of our own citizens, as no one was turned out when Mr. A. was turned in, as he is admitted on all hands to be "honest" and "capable," and as he has faithfully discharged his duty thus far, I flatter myself that you will find no difficulty in giving him the weight of your recommendation. As to the manner or measure in which it is given, you alone must decide.

It has occurred to me that a paper briefly setting forth the capability and honesty of Mr. Anderson, his well known character as a Scholar and a Gentleman, the claims of his large and lovely family, and the fact that his reappointment would be gratifying to a large circle of Whig friends, as well as others, would hardly fail to gain the attention of the Sec. of the Navy. Gov. Swain says that he will cheerfully sign a petition of that kind, and I hope that Gov. Morehead will do the same. If such a paper were drawn I would take pains to have it circulated among Mr. A's friends of all parties in Hillsborough and elsewhere.

I hope, my dear Sir, that I am not imposing either an unpleasant or improper task upon you. If so, do not hesitate to tell me, and I will fully excuse you. In this Academic cloister a man ought not to be expected to know all the etiquette and forms and influences that belong to such an occasion. I may be asking an unreasonable or unwonted favor at your hands, while thinking only of serving an old and dear friend.

Permit me to add, that whatever is done should be done *quickly*, inasmuch as the appointment is expected to be made in a few weeks.

*From Charles L. Hinton.*

A.

Raleigh,

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Yesterday I wrote you, saying, it was the particular desire of the friends of the Central road in this place that you should go to Salisbury. Since then I have had a further conversation with Gov Swain who takes a deep interest in it, and says that he will not go unless you do, if you both decline, Messrs. Boylan & Mordecai I think will do so & probably no delegate from this section.